

BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

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IN RE: BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.)
Tariff to Introduce CCS7 Access Arrangement) ~~Docket No. 02-00024~~
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DOCKET NO.
03-00344

PETITION TO INTERVENE

AT&T Communications of the South Central States ("AT&T") petitions the Tennessee Regulatory Authority ("TRA") to intervene in the above-captioned proceeding pursuant to T.C.A. § 4-5-310(b).

AT&T is a competitive local exchange carrier certified by the Tennessee Regulatory Authority ("TRA") to offer intrastate telecommunications services in Tennessee.

The above-captioned docket concerns a tariff filed by BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. ("BellSouth") on January 7, 2002, to initiate per message charges for BellSouth's CCS7 signaling service. Following approval of the tariff in June, 2002, BellSouth began charging AT&T and other CLECs pursuant to this tariff.

During proceedings before the Authority concerning this tariff, BellSouth represented that the tariff would be uniformly applied and that, because of a concurrent reduction in switching charges, the tariff would not result in a net increase in revenue to BellSouth. To assure the Authority that the tariff would be revenue neutral, BellSouth repeatedly offered to submit to a review of the impact of the new charges.

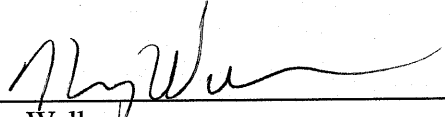
In a separate filing, XO Tennessee, Inc., a party to this docket, has filed a motion asking the Authority to order an audit of BellSouth's implementation of the tariff. AT&T wishes to intervene to support XO's motion for an audit.

Like other CLECs being charged for CCS7 services, AT&T has an interest in determining whether those charges are being properly and fairly imposed and whether the tariff is, in fact, revenue neutral. Granting this petition is in the interest of justice and will not impair the orderly and prompt conduct of these proceedings.

AT&T therefore requests that this Petition to Intervene be granted.

Respectfully submitted,

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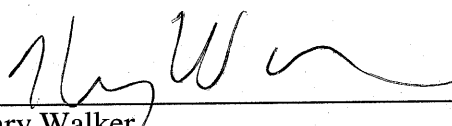

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing has been forwarded via U.S. mail, postage prepaid, to the following on this the 14th day of May, 2003.

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